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FOR: COMPOSITION ATTRACTING INSECTS PERTAINING TO THE COLEOPTERA FAMILY AND USE THEREOF IN THE CONTROL OF PLAGUES IN PALM-TREES AND RELATED PLANTS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

follows:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 12 as follows.

. Claim 12, line 3, change "any of claims 1 to 11" to

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to change the multiple dependent claim to a single dependent claim in order to reduce the government filing fee.

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